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SO MOLECULAR BIOLOGY OF THE CELL, (NOV 1999) Vol. 10, Supp. [S], pp. 574-574.  
Publisher: AMER SOC CELL BIOLOGY, PUBL OFFICE, 9650 ROCKVILLE PIKE,  
BETHESDA, MD 20814.  
ISSN: 1059-1524.  
AU Imamura T (Reprint); Ohgane J; Tanaka S; Shiota K  
AN 1999:980021 SCISEARCH

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TI Cytosine methylation pattern in the **sphingosine kinase**  
**gene** locus relates to the expression of the splicing variants.  
SO Molecular Biology of the Cell, (Nov., 1999) Vol. 10, No. SUPPL., pp. 99a.  
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Meeting Info.: 39th Annual Meeting of the American Society for Cell

Biology. Washington, D.C., USA. December 11-15, 1999. The American Society for Cell Biology.

CODEN: MBCEEV. ISSN: 1059-1524.

AU Imamura, Takuya [Reprint author]; Ohgane, Jun [Reprint author]; Tanaka, Satoshi [Reprint author]; Shiota, Kunio [Reprint author]  
AN 2000:38394 BIOSIS

L37 ANSWER 3 OF 3 MEDLINE on STN DUPLICATE 1  
TI Molecular cloning and functional characterization of murine sphingosine kinase.  
SO JOURNAL OF BIOLOGICAL CHEMISTRY, (1998 Sep 11) 273 (37) 23722-8.  
Journal code: 2985121R. ISSN: 0021-9258.  
AU Kohama T; Olivera A; Edsall L; Nagiec M M; Dickson R; Spiegel S  
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L42 ANSWER 1 OF 5 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN

TI Human and Drosophila sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase and/or sphingosine kinase, and their use for the modulation of sphingolipid metabolism and/or signaling in cancer diagnosis and therapy

SO PCT Int. Appl., 134 pp.

CODEN: PIXXD2

IN Saba, Julie D.; Fyrst, Henrik

AN 2003:591305 HCAPLUS

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US 2003219782 A1 20031127 US 2003-348052 20030117

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TI Cloning of cDNAs for sphingosine-1-phosphate lyases and sphingosine  
kinases from human and Drosophila, and their use for modulation of  
sphingolipid metabolism and/or signaling in cancer diagnosis and therapy  
SO U.S. Pat. Appl. Publ., 49 pp., Cont.-in-part of U.S.Ser. No.356,643.  
CODEN: USXXCO  
IN Saba, Julie D.; Fyrst, Henrik  
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TI Human **sphingosine kinase gene**  
SO PCT Int. Appl., 91 pp.  
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IN Allen, Janet; Gosink, Mark; Melendez, Alirio J.; Takacs, Laszlo  
AN 2001:320122 HCAPLUS  
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TI Novel sphingosine-kinase protein and nucleic acid molecules for  
diagnosis, prophylaxis and treatment of rheumatoid arthritis, asthma,  
atherosclerosis, inflammation, meningitis, multiple sclerosis and septic  
shock;  
involving vector plasmid pGEM4Z-mediated gene transfer for expression  
in Escherichia coli  
AU Pitson S M; Wattenberg B W; D'Andrea R J; Gamble J R; Vadas M A  
AN 2001-03254 BIOTECHDS  
PI WO 2000070028 23 Nov 2000

L42 ANSWER 5 OF 5 HCAPLUS COPYRIGHT 2004 ACS on STN DUPLICATE 3  
TI Cloning and cDNA **sequences** of human **sphingosine**  
**kinase** isoforms SKA, SKB and SKC and therapeutic uses  
SO PCT Int. Appl., 81 pp.  
CODEN: PIXXD2  
IN Munroe, Donald; Gupta, Ashwani; Falzone, Germaine R.  
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ABSTRACT:

The present invention relates generally to a method of modulating the growth of cells and, more particularly, to a method of down-regulating the growth of neoplastic cells. The present invention is useful, inter alia, in the therapeutic and/or prophylactic treatment of cancers such as, but not limited to, solid cancers such as cancers of the colon, stomach, lung, brain, bone, oesophagus, pancreas, breast, ovary or uterus.

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Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (30):

[0055] Said proteinaceous molecule may be derived from natural, recombinant or synthetic sources including fusion proteins or following, for example, natural product screening. Said non-proteinaceous molecule may be derived from natural sources, such as for example natural product screening or may be chemically synthesised. The present invention contemplates chemical analogs of said sphingosine kinase capable of acting as agonists or antagonists of said sphingosine kinase. Chemical agonists may not necessarily be derived from said sphingosine kinase but may share certain conformational similarities. Alternatively, chemical agonists may be specifically designed to mimic certain



physiochemical properties of said sphingosine kinase. Antagonists may be any compound capable of blocking, inhibiting or otherwise preventing said sphingosine kinase from carrying out its normal biological functions (for example N,N-dimethylsphingosine or DL-threo-dihydrosphingosine). Antagonists include monoclonal antibodies specific for said sphingosine kinase, or parts of said sphingosine kinase, and antisense nucleic acids which prevent transcription or translation of genes or mRNA in the subject cells. Modulation of expression may also be achieved utilising antigens, RNA, ribosomes, DNAzymes, RNA aptamers, antibodies or molecules suitable for use in co-suppression.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (39):

[0064] "Derivatives" include fragments, parts, portions, mutants, variants and mimetics from natural, synthetic or recombinant sources including fusion proteins. Parts or fragments include, for example, active regions of sphingosine kinase. Derivatives may be derived from insertion, deletion or substitution of amino acids. Amino acid insertional derivatives include amino and/or carboxylic terminal fusions as well as intrasequence insertions of single or multiple amino acids. Insertional amino acid sequence variants are those in which one or more amino acid residues are introduced into a predetermined site in the protein although random insertion is also possible with suitable screening of the resulting product. Deletional variants are characterized by the removal of one or more amino acids from the sequence. Substitutional amino acid variants are those in which at least one residue in the sequence has been removed and a different residue inserted in its place. An example of substitutional amino acid variants are conservative amino acid substitutions. Conservative amino acid substitutions typically include substitutions within the following groups: glycine and alanine; valine, isoleucine and leucine; aspartic acid and glutamic acid; asparagine and glutamine; serine and threonine; lysine and arginine; and phenylalanine and tyrosine. Additions to amino acid sequences include fusions with other peptides, polypeptides or proteins.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (86):

[0111] Screening for the modulatory agents hereinbefore defined can be achieved by any one of several suitable methods known to those of skill in the art including, but in no way limited to, contacting a cell comprising the sphingosine kinase gene or functional equivalent or derivative thereof with an agent and screening for the modulation of sphingosine kinase protein production or functional activity, modulation of the expression of a nucleic acid molecule encoding sphingosine kinase or modulation of the activity or expression of a downstream sphingosine kinase cellular target. Detecting such modulation can be achieved utilising techniques such as Western blotting, electrophoretic mobility shift assays and/or the readout of reporters of sphingosine kinase activity.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (87):

[0112] It should be understood that the sphingosine kinase gene or functional equivalent or derivative thereof may be naturally occurring in the cell which is the subject of testing or it may have been transfected into a host cell for the purpose of testing. Further, the naturally occurring or transfected gene may be constitutively expressed--thereby providing a model useful for, inter alia, screening for agents which down regulate sphingosine kinase activity, at either the nucleic acid or expression product levels, or the gene may require activation--thereby providing a model useful for, inter alia, screening for agents which up regulate sphingosine kinase expression.

Further, to the extent that a sphingosine kinase nucleic acid molecule is transfected into a cell, that molecule may comprise the entire sphingosine kinase gene or it may merely comprise a portion of the gene such as the portion which regulates expression of the sphingosine kinase product. For example, the sphingosine kinase promoter region may be transfected into the cell which is the subject of testing. In this regard, where only the promoter is utilised, detecting modulation of the activity of the promoter can be achieved, for example, by ligating the promoter to a reporter gene. For example, the promoter may be ligated to luciferase or a CAT reporter, the modulation of expression of which gene can be detected via modulation of fluorescence intensity or CAT reporter activity, respectively.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (90):

[0115] As detailed earlier, reference to "sphingosine kinase" should be understood as a reference to either the sphingosine kinase expression product or to a nucleic acid molecule encoding sphingosine kinase. It should also be understood as a reference to a portion or fragment of the sphingosine kinase molecule such as the regulatory region of the sphingosine kinase nucleic acid molecule. Alternatively, the molecule may comprise the binding/active portion of the expression product. In this regard, the sphingosine kinase nucleic acid molecule and/or expression product is expressed in a cell. The cell may be a host cell which has been transfected with the sphingosine kinase nucleic acid molecule or it may be a cell which naturally contains the sphingosine kinase gene.

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ABSTRACT:

Described herein are genes whose expression are up-regulated or down-regulated in ovarian cancer. Related methods and compositions that can be used for diagnosis and treatment of ovarian cancer are disclosed. Also described herein are methods that can be used to identify modulators of ovarian cancer.

CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.

[0001] This application is related to U.S. Ser. No. U.S. Ser. No. 60/299,234, filed Jun. 18, 2001; U.S. Ser. No. 60/315,287, filed Aug. 27, 2001; U.S. Ser. No. 60/350,666, filed Nov. 13, 2001; and U.S. Ser. No. 60/372,246, filed Apr. 12, 2002, each of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

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 406918 M88357 gb Homo sapiens DNA-binding pr zf-C2H2, SS 14.0 407605 W03512 Hs  
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 Target Exon SS, SS, TM, ig 13.4 407767 W15398 Hs.38628 hypothetical protein  
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 RhoGAP, SH3, PH 12.6 430397 AI924533 Hs 105607 bicarbonate transporter relate  
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ABSTRACT:

Compositions, methods and kits for diagnosing and treating cancer and muscular disorders are provided. Therapeutic compositions may comprise agents that modulate sphingolipid metabolism and/or signaling pathways. Such compositions may be administered to a mammal afflicted with cancer. Diagnostic methods and kits may employ an agent suitable for detecting alterations in endogenous genes involved in sphingolipid metabolism. Such methods and kits may be used to detect the presence of a cancer or to evaluate the prognosis of a known disease. SPL polypeptides, polynucleotides and antibodies are also provided.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] This application claims the benefit of provisional application No. 60/349,582, filed Jan. 17, 2002 and U.S. application Ser. No. 10/053,510, filed Jan. 17, 2002, both applications incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (11):

[0012] Sphingosine-1-phosphate (S-1-P) is an endogenous sphingolipid metabolite present in most mammalian cells and in serum. Like other sphingolipid metabolites such as ceramide and sphingosine, S-1-P participates in specific signal transduction pathways. Many of the effects of S-1-P signaling, which include promotion of cellular proliferation, enhancement of migration, inhibition of apoptosis and stimulation of angiogenesis, influence the transformation, growth, drug resistance, vascularity and metastatic capacity of cancer cells. Several observations support the notion that sphingosine kinase (SK) and sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase (SPL) may be cancer related genes. First, the overexpression of SK in NIH3T3 fibroblasts leads to

oncogenic transformation as determined by the ability of transfected cells to form foci in vitro and to form fibrosarcomas in NOD/SCID mice. Second, human SPL was cloned and mapped to 10q21, a chromosomal region frequently deleted in a variety of human cancers. Taken together, these observations raise the possibility that SK and SPL may be potentially effective targets for pharmacological intervention in the treatment of cancer. Accordingly, the present invention provides methods for screening agents that modulate sphingolipid metabolism. Further, the present invention provides methods for detecting and treating cancer.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (20):

[0020] Turning to another aspect, the present invention provides a method for identifying an agent that modulates sphingolipid metabolism, comprising (a) culturing a homozygous null mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* in the absence and presence of a candidate agent under conditions and for a time sufficient to observe in said mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* an effect of the agent on a level of either (i) at least one sphingolipid intermediate, or (ii) activity of at least one component of a sphingolipid pathway, wherein the mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* comprises a P-element transposon insertion in a gene encoding a component of a sphingolipid pathway that results in an altered activity level of at least one sphingolipid pathway component, and wherein the mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* exhibits a flightless phenotype that results from said insertion; and (b) comparing flight performance of the mutant *Drosophila* that is cultured in the presence of the candidate agent to the flight performance of the mutant *Drosophila* that is cultured in the absence of the candidate agent, wherein an increased flight performance of the mutant *Drosophila* cultured in the presence of the agent indicates the agent modulates sphingolipid metabolism. In certain embodiments the mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* comprises a homozygous mutation in a gene encoding a sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase (SPL), and in certain embodiments the homozygous null mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* comprises a T2 segment which comprises abnormal developmental patterning of thoracic muscles. In certain embodiments the agent that modulates sphingolipid metabolism inhibits sphingosine kinase activity.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (21):

[0021] In yet another embodiment there is provided a method for identifying an agent that modulates sphingolipid signaling, comprising (a) culturing a homozygous null mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* in the absence and presence of a candidate agent under conditions and for a time sufficient to observe in said mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* an effect of the agent on a level of at least one sphingolipid intermediate, wherein the mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* comprises a P-element transposon insertion in a gene encoding a component of a sphingolipid pathway that results in an altered level of at least one sphingolipid intermediate; and (b) comparing the level of the sphingolipid intermediate that is generated in the presence of the candidate agent to the level in the absence of the candidate agent, wherein an altered level indicates the agent modulates sphingolipid signaling. It is also an aspect of the invention to provide an agent identified by the method of any one of the above described methods, which in certain embodiments is a composition comprising such agent in combination with a physiologically acceptable excipient. In certain embodiments there is provided a composition comprising an agent that increases flight performance in a homozygous null mutant *Drosophila melanogaster*, wherein the mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* comprises a P-element transposon insertion in a gene encoding a sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase (SPL) polypeptide that comprises the amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO:16, and wherein the mutant *Drosophila melanogaster* exhibits a flightless phenotype that results from said insertion, and in certain further embodiments the agent

inhibits sphingosine kinase activity.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (194):

[0233] The lace gene encodes one subunit of a Drosophila serine palmitoyltransferase. Inheritance of two lace.sup.k05305 null alleles is reported to be uniformly lethal, whereas the heterozygous allelic combination used in these experiments, lace.sup.k05305/lace.sup.2, leads to severe developmental phenotypes and a low percentage of viable progeny (Adachi-Yamada, T., T. Gotoh, I. Sugimura, M. Tateno, Y. Nishida, T. Onuki, and H. Date. 1999. Mol. Cell. Biol. 19: 7276-7286.). A Drosophila line homozygous for a null allele of one of two putative sphingosine kinase (SK) genes was also utilized in these experiments. This mutant (Sphk2.sup.KG05894) was created by the insertion of a P-element into the 5' UTR of CG2159, as previously described. The product of this gene functionally complements a yeast SK mutant. Wild type Canton-S (BL-1), lace.sup.2 (BL-3156), lace.sup.k05305 (BL-12176), and Sphk2.sup.KG05894 (BL-14133) lines were obtained from the Bloomington Drosophila Stock Center (Indiana University, Bloomington, Ind.).

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ABSTRACT:

The present invention relates to a method for identifying a gene product which modulates the transition of a cell between a non-apoptotic state and an apoptotic state, comprising the steps of: (a) exposing the cell to an inhibitor of GM-CSF mediated inhibition of apoptosis; and (b) exposing the cell to one or more agents which increase tyrosine phosphorylation; and (c) placing the cell in conditions which permit it to undergo spontaneous apoptosis; and (d) monitoring the level(s) of expression of the one or more gene products in the cell; and (e) identifying gene product(s) whose expression has been increased, decreased or modified as a result of performing steps (a) to (d).

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Detail Description Table CWU - DETL (5):

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pathway inhibitor 2 0.12 0.19 0.33 Hs.99932 diacylglycerol kinase, theta  
(110 kD) 0.62 0.79 1.33 Hs.40968 heparan sulfate (glucosamine) 3-O- 0.07 0.13  
1 sulfotransferase 1 Hs.1499 heat shock transcription factor 1 0.1 0.09 0.4  
Hs.111373 K1AA0423 protein 1.06 0.65 6 Hs.139120 ribonuclease P (30 kD) 0.69

3.2 2.72 Hs.36977 hemoglobin, delta 0.21 0.29 0.55 Hs.5105 ESTs 0.22 0.16  
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 factor 0.75 0.57 2.19 Hs.13063 transcription factor CA150 0.15 0.18 0.36  
 Hs.813 ATPase, H+/K+ exchanging, beta 0.34 0.26 0.81 polypeptide Hs.194724  
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 Hs.129078 ESTs 0.24 0.41 0.64 B. UniGene Glio GM- Cluster Annotation T0 h 4  
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 Hs.62954 ferritin, heavy polypeptide 1 0.22 0.22 1.24 Hs.194724 pronapsin A  
 0.3 0.16 0.8 Hs.235069 RecQ protein-like DNA helicase Q1-like 1.16 2.23 2.71  
 Hs.124380 ESTs 0.52 0.57 1.8 Hs.241510 interferon-induced protein 41, 30 kD  
 0.35 0.34 0.72 Hs.129078 ESTs 0.24 0.14 1.16



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ABSTRACT:

Compositions, methods and kits for diagnosing and treating cancer are provided. Therapeutic compositions may comprise agents that modulate the expression or activity of a sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase (SPL). Such compositions may be administered to a mammal afflicted with cancer. Diagnostic methods and kits may employ an agent suitable for detecting alterations in endogenous SPL. Such methods and kits may be used to detect the presence of a cancer or to evaluate the prognosis of a known disease. SPL polypeptides, polynucleotides and antibodies are also provided.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (52):

[0048] As noted above, the present invention is generally directed to compositions and methods for the diagnosis and therapy of cancers such as breast cancer. The invention is more particularly related to sphingosine-1-phosphate lyase (SPL) polypeptides, which have the ability to cleave sphingosine-1-phosphate into inactive metabolites, and to polynucleotides encoding such polypeptides. Sphingosine-1-phosphate (S-1-P) is

an endogenous sphingolipid metabolite present in most mammalian cells and in serum. Like other sphingolipid metabolites such as ceramide and sphingosine, S-1-P participates in specific signal transduction pathways. The results of S-1-P signaling are diverse and dependent upon the cell type being examined. However, many of the effects of S-1-P signaling, which include promotion of cellular proliferation, enhancement of migration, inhibition of apoptosis and stimulation of angiogenesis, influence the transformation, growth, drug resistance, vascularity and metastatic capacity of cancer cells. The gene encoding the enzyme responsible for S-1-P synthesis is sphingosine kinase, SK, and S-1-P degradation is sphingosine phosphate lyase, SPL and S-1-P phosphatase, S-1-PP. Several observations support the notion that SPL may be a cancer related gene. First, altered expression of SPL in human tumors compared to corresponding normal tissue from the same patient has been shown. Second, human SPL maps to 10q21, a chromosomal region frequently deleted in a variety of human cancers. Taken together, these observations raise the possibility that SPL may be potentially effective targets for pharmacological intervention in the treatment of cancer.

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ABSTRACT:

The present invention is directed to the identification genes that are expressed at a higher level in certain FSH or FSH Mimetic treated cells than in otherwise identical untreated cells. Genes that are expressed at a higher level in FSH or FSH Mimetic treated cells than untreated cells ("FSH or FSH Mimetic stimulated genes") are of interest, in part, because FSH or FSH Mimetics can or could influence a wide range of cellular processes and responses in reproduction, including steroidogenesis and gamatogenesis. The identified FSH or FSH Mimetic stimulated genes and the proteins they encode can be used: 1) as therapeutic agents which modulate a cellular process or response that is influenced by FSH or FSH Mimetic; 2) as targets for use in high throughput screening and the development of therapeutic agents which modulate a cellular process or response that is influenced by FSH or FSH Mimetic; and 3) as markers which can be used to detect and monitor a cellular process or response that is influenced by FSH or FSH Mimetic.

[0001] This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/203,805, filed May 12, 2000.

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Detail Description Table CWU - DETL (5):

4TABLE 4 Forskolin 16 hr time point 106 genes upregulated &gt; = 2-fold  
022DAAMH Fold Cont Forsk Gene name Acc # 2.1 1661 3449 antigen identified by  
monoclonal antibodies 4F2 [IMAGE:478301] AA049696.1 4.1 183 750 carbonic  
anhydrase 6 [IMAGE:329940] AI327498.1 2.4 227 552 chaperonin subunit 4  
(delta) [IMAGE:459668] AA027583.1 2.1 259 545 chondroitin sulfate  
proteoglycan 2 [IMAGE:355990] W49048.1 2.1 624 1320 ESTs [IMAGE:315676]  
W09957.1 2 424 859 ESTs [IMAGE:316914] W11926.1 2 939 1885 ESTs

[IMAGE:317466] W34061.1 3.7 448 1660 ESTs [IMAGE:350182] W34722.1 2.7 374  
 1004 ESTs [IMAGE:367445] W50706.1 2.3 512 1203 ESTs [IMAGE:372421] W53621.1 2  
 396 783 ESTs [IMAGE:386218] W65070.1 2 85 169 ESTs [IMAGE:403166] W82868.1 2  
 378 769 ESTs [IMAGE:404057] W82577.1 2.5 106 270 ESTs [IMAGE:424848] W98118.1  
 3.8 303 1150 ESTs [IMAGE:426033] AA002836.1 2.4 140 339 ESTs [IMAGE:427480]  
 AA002452.1 2.1 365 761 ESTs [IMAGE:466678] AA031159.1 2.8 272 757 ESTs  
 [IMAGE:477003] AA048121.1 2.3 154 352 ESTs [IMAGE:479247] AA048730.1 6.2 209  
 1295 ESTs [IMAGE:482641] AA061982.1 2.2 387 834 ESTs [IMAGE:483476]  
 AA060036.1 2.3 310 709 ESTs [IMAGE:483649] AA061366.1 2.3 374 859 ESTs  
 [IMAGE:572819] AA110791.1 8.6 58 498 ESTs [IMAGE:598824] AA168416.1 2.5 101  
 251 ESTs [IMAGE:620209] AA177920.1 2.1 246 527 ESTs [IMAGE:622893] AA177702.1  
 2 238 469 ESTs [IMAGE:636730] AA189425.1 2.5 114 289 ESTs [IMAGE:640085]  
 AA198542.1 3.8 324 1223 ESTs [IMAGE:656089] AA239554.1 2.2 258 564 ESTs  
 [IMAGE:680250] AA237600.1 2.7 52 139 ESTs [IMAGE:749313] AA288555.1 2 121  
 236 ESTs [IMAGE:762306] AA277421.1 2.7 226 607 ESTs [IMAGE:790122] AA387971.1  
 4.7 59 278 ESTs [IMAGE:818790] AA467382.1 2.3 120 274 ESTs [IMAGE:876063]  
 AA475435.1 4 149 602 ESTs, Highly similar to CYSTATHIONINE GAMMA-LYASE [Homo  
 sap AA096870.1 3.4 52 175 ESTs, Highly similar to CYSTATHIONINE GAMMA-LYASE  
 [Homo sap AA245993.1 2 683 1346 ESTs, Highly similar to DELTA  
 1-PYRROLINE-5-CARBOXYLATE SYN W41878.1 2.7 200 531 ESTs, Highly similar to  
 GLYPICAN-3 PRECURSOR [Rattus norvegicus AA274932.1 2.1 506 1072 ESTs, Highly  
 similar to HAM1 PROTEIN [Saccharomyces cerevisiae] W34474.1 2 372 761 ESTs,  
 Highly similar to HYPOTHETICAL 25.7 KD PROTEIN IN MSH1- W54688.1 2.3 311 708  
 ESTs, Highly similar to REPLICATION PROTEIN A 14 KD SUBUNIT [H AA000318.1 2  
 304 602 ESTs, Highly similar to SERINE HYDROXYMETHYLTRANSFERASE, AA208877.1  
 11.6 916 10602 ESTs, Highly similar to acid ceramidase [M. musculus]  
 [IMAGE:76308 AA286605.1 2.1 574 1206 ESTs, Highly similar to CGI-81 protein  
 [H. sapiens] [IMAGE:467379] AA036624.1 2 224 443 ESTs, Highly similar to  
 HSPC040 protein [H. sapiens] [IMAGE:332442] W08432.1 2.1 657 1358 ESTs,  
 Highly similar to probable calcium-binding protein [H. sapiens] W18735.1 2.2  
 377 828 ESTs, Highly similar to similar to Schizosaccharomyces pombe splic  
 W11916.1 2.1 359 744 ESTs, Moderately similar to NADH-UBIQUINONE  
 OXIDOREDUCTASE W97248.1 3.2 715 2301 ESTs, Weakly similar to cDNA EST  
 EMBL:D75506 comes from this ge W16247.1 2.2 658 1423 ESTs, Weakly similar to  
 GARP PROTEIN PRECURSOR [H. sapiens] [IM AA048874.1 2.6 245 642 ESTs, Weakly  
 similar to heat shock protein hsp40-3 [M. musculus] [IM AA049615.1 2.7 1071  
 2916 ESTs, Weakly similar to HISTIDINE-RICH PROTEIN KE4 [M. musculus] W18585.1  
 2.5 218 551 ESTs, Weakly similar to HYPOTHETICAL 11.4 KD PROTEIN C13G6.04  
 W11535.1 2 161 330 ESTs, Weakly similar to HYPOTHETICAL 11.4 KD PROTEIN  
 C13G6.04 AA116946.1 2.3 300 698 ESTs, Weakly similar to LYMPHOCYTE ANTIGEN  
 LY-6A.2/LY-6E.1 PR AA472994.1 2.1 124 263 ESTs, Weakly similar to mCAC [M.  
 musculus] [IMAGE:350881] W40994.1 2.5 212 536 ESTs, Weakly similar to ORF  
 YGL231c [S. cerevisiae] [IMAGE:442681] AA015149.1 2 177 359 ESTs, Weakly  
 similar to putative [C. elegans] [IMAGE:571422] AA109015.1 2.3 724 1644 ESTs,  
 Weakly similar to similar to leucyl-tRNA synthetase [C. elegans] W11665.1 2.9  
 1092 3190 ESTs, Weakly similar to similar to nucleotide translocator [C.  
 elegans] AA213247.1 3.7 193 721 extracellular matrix protein 1 [IMAGE:678765]  
 AA237378.1 7.4 369 2744 extracellular matrix protein 1 [IMAGE:874833]  
 AA474897.1 2.9 497 1443 glutamate oxaloacetate transaminase 1, soluble  
 [IMAGE:481381] AA060494.1 3 254 755 glutathione-S-transferase, alpha 3  
 [IMAGE:766582] AA274682.1 2.7 427 1169 glutathione-S-transferase, alpha 4  
 [IMAGE:367627] W54349.1 3 108 326 growth arrest specific 2 [IMAGE:820540]  
 AA423395.1 3.2 198 627 heme oxygenase (decycling) 1 [IMAGE:677499] AA213167.1  
 2 291 570 histidine triad nucleotide-binding protein [IMAGE:533117] AA068901.1  
 2.3 283 658 hormone receptor [IMAGE:439773] AA008625.1 2 87 174 hormone  
 receptor [IMAGE:641865] AA209882.1 2.6 482 1263 lectin, galactose binding,  
 soluble 3 [IMAGE:717226] AA403841.1 3 608 1820 lymphocyte antigen 6 complex  
 [IMAGE:580715] AA145865.1 3.6 371 1333 lymphocyte antigen 6 complex, locus C  
 [IMAGE:425855] AA000712.1 2.1 312 640 male enhanced antigen 1 [IMAGE:463746]

AA028786.1 2.4 435 1058 metallothionein 1 [IMAGE:480068] AA051654.1 2.6 183  
475 metallothionein 1 [IMAGE:480920] AA064247.1 2.2 324 718 Mouse chromatin  
nonhistone high mobility group protein (HGM-I(Y), AA538243.1 2.2 463 1033  
Mouse mRNA for dbpA murine homologue, complete cds [IMAGE:481 AA059953.1 2  
219 428 Mus musculus A10 mRNA, partial cds [IMAGE:333376] W15888.1 2.1 673  
1403 Mus musculus A10 mRNA, partial cds [IMAGE:385441] W61383.1 2 646 1292  
Mus musculus eIF-1A (eIF-1A) mRNA, complete cds [IMAGE:747322] AA274946.1 2.2  
363 786 Mus musculus mRNA for HIRA-interacting protein (HIRIP5) [IMAGE:7  
AA270607.1 2.6 344 878 Mus musculus mRNA for Sid1669p, complete cds  
[IMAGE:922965] AA511365.1 2.9 253 730 Mus musculus SH3-containing protein  
SH3P2 mRNA, partial cds [IMA AA024088.1 2.5 148 372 Mus musculus  
SH3-containing protein SH3P2 mRNA, partial cds [IMA AA166372.1 10.6 268 2833  
myeloid differentiation primary response gene 116 [IMAGE:475803] AA050417.1  
2.3 652 1470 myosin, heavy polypeptide 8, skeletal muscle, perinatal  
[IMAGE:3174 W13528.1 2 355 720 nuclear, factor, erythroid derived 2, like 2  
[IMAGE:475505] AA044475.1 2 309 625 periplakin [IMAGE:571984] AA105152.1 2  
65 128 protein kinase C, delta [IMAGE:421002] W91539.1 2.4 75 180 protein  
tyrosine phosphatase, non-receptor type 8 [IMAGE:574608] A1323214.1 2.2 122  
265 Public domain EST [IMAGE:426378] AA002886.1 2.9 192 549 Public domain EST  
[IMAGE:437685] AA007828.1 7 184 1293 Public domain EST [IMAGE:467785]  
AA036495.1 2.3 108 246 Public domain EST [IMAGE:574227] AA119136.1 2.2 145  
317 Public domain EST [IMAGE:681424] AA237757.1 3.2 69 223 Public domain EST  
[IMAGE:716713] AA265198.1 2 116 237 Public domain EST [IMAGE:805306]  
AA473329.1 2.3 337 765 Public domain EST [IMAGE:874030] AA472200.1 2 1049  
2049 requiem [IMAGE:573346] A1323194.1 2.4 127 304 sphingosine kinase 1  
[IMAGE:425961] AA000819.1 2 839 1677 split hand/foot deleted gene 1  
[IMAGE:850971] AA462396.1 2.4 365 894 stimulated by retinoic acid 14  
[IMAGE:480896] AA064241.1 2.1 256 530 TG interacting factor [IMAGE:722623]  
AA260654.1 3.4 227 761 tryptophanyl-tRNA synthetase [IMAGE:367765] W53959.1

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ABSTRACT:

A protein having ceramide kinase activity which can be a target for a prophylactic or therapeutic medicament against neuronal disease, inflammation, HIV infection, type 2 diabetes mellitus, obesity, septicemia, arteriosclerosis and cancer. Specifically, a protein which comprises an amino acid sequence shown in the amino acid numbers 1-537 of SEQ ID No. 2 of the Sequence Listing, a DNA which encodes the protein, a recombinant vector comprising the DNA, a host cell transformed with the recombinant vector and a method for producing the protein. By using the method of the present invention, a compound is provided having a specifically activating or inhibiting activity to ceramide kinase and is useful as a medicament for treating a neuronal disorder, an anti-inflammatory medicament, a medicament for treating HIV infection, an anti-type 2 diabetes mellitus medicament, an anti-obesity medicament, an anti-septicemia medicament, an anti-arteriosclerosis medicament and an anticancer medicament.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (13):

[0011] In addition, an expressed sequence tag (hereinafter referred to as "EST") corresponding to a part of the DNA which encodes the protein of the present invention is known, when a homology search is performed by using the dbEST database of NCBI (National Center for Biotechnology Information, U.S.A.) based on the sequence of known mouse sphingosine kinase. However, there is no

specific suggestion regarding the function of the protein of the present invention in said EST data.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (37):

[0033] More specifically, for instance, part or all of the DNA which encodes the protein of the present invention can be obtained by preparing a probe based on the full sequence or a partial sequence of cDNA of mouse sphingosine kinase, and analyzing the sequence of the clones obtained from a cDNA library derived from mammals by performing a colony-hybridization method under the conditions of low stringency, and selecting the clone having a sequence highly homologous to the nucleotide sequence shown in the nucleotide numbers 124-1734 of SEQ ID No. 1 of the Sequence Listing. Moreover, a part of the DNA which encodes the protein of the present invention can be obtained also by preparing primers based on the known sequence of mouse sphingosine kinase (preferably primers are prepared based on the sequence of the conserved region in phylogeny), and performing a polymerase chain reaction (hereinafter referred to as "PCR", see Saiki R. K. et al., (1988), Science, 239, 487 to 491) using the cDNA library derived from mammals as a template, or performing reverse-transcriptase polymerase chain reaction (hereinafter referred to as "RT-PCR") using mRNA derived from mammals as a template, and analyzing the resultant sequence that the product has and selecting the clone having a sequence which is highly homologous to the nucleotide sequences shown in the nucleotide numbers 124-1734 of SEQ ID No. 1 of the Sequence Listing.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (3):

[0131] 1) Search for cDNA Clone Having Low Homology to Mouse Sphingosine Kinase 1 and Analysis of a Nucleotide Sequence

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (4):

[0132] Homology search was performed by using the algorithm of tblastn to the dbEST database of NCBI based on the known amino acid sequence of mouse sphingosine kinase 1, and an EST clone (GenBank accession number AA355581) which shares the homology with mouse sphingosine kinase I was found.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (21):

[0149] All the nucleotide sequences of cDNA inserted in plasmids pBK-29, pBK-5, and pBK-33 obtained by the above 4), were determined by the dideoxy nucleotide chain termination method. In addition, parts of the sequences were analyzed by using full automatic DNA sequence analysis apparatus (model 373A, manufactured by Perkin Elmer Japan Applied Biosystems corporation). Consequently, cDNA inserted in pBK-33 had the nucleotide sequence which consists of 4463 bp(s) (SEQ ID No. 1 of the Sequence Listing) including all of the sequences of the inserted cDNAs of pBK-29 and pBK-5. Furthermore, this nucleotide sequence and the amino acid sequence encoded by the open reading frame (hereinafter referred to as "ORF") included in this nucleotide sequence (amino acid numbers 1-537 of SEQ ID No. 2 of the Sequence Listing) were subjected to homology search with DNA databases, GenBank and EMBL, and a protein database, SWISS-PLOT. As a result of the homology search, there were no proteins having known function which were especially highly homologous to the amino acid sequence shown in the amino acid numbers 1-537 of SEQ ID No. 2 of the Sequence Listing, and thus it became clear that it is a novel protein. Moreover, the sequence homology between the amino acid sequence which is shown in the amino acid numbers 1-537 of SEQ ID No. 2 of the Sequence Listing and the amino acid sequence covering the full length of the human sphingosine kinase 1 or 2 was only 29%, but the conserved domain thereof was highly homologous to

those of sphingosine kinases beyond species (see T. Kohama et al., (1998), J. Biol. Chem., 273.23722-23728). Furthermore, when a motif search was performed, it was suggested that it possessed a PH domain (see A. D. Ma & C. S. Abrams, (1999), Thromb. Haemost, 82,399 to 406) and a diacylglycerol kinase domain (See F. Sakana & H. Kanoh, (1997), Int. J. Biochem. Cell Biol., 29, 1139-1143). The cDNA which encoded the novel protein thus obtained was named hCERK1.



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ABSTRACT:

Described are methods for protecting the female reproductive system against natural and artificial insults by administering to women a composition comprising an agent that antagonizes one or more acid sphingomyelinase (ASMase) gene products. Specifically, methods disclosed herein serve to protect women's germline from damage resulting from cancer therapy regimens including chemotherapy or radiotherapy. In one aspect, the method preserves, enhances, or revives ovarian function in women, by administering to women a composition containing sphingosine-1-phosphate, or an analog thereof. Also disclosed are methods to prevent or ameliorate menopausal syndromes and to improve in vitro fertilization techniques.

RELATED APPLICATION

[0001] The present application is a continuation-in-part of pending U.S. patent application Ser. No. 09/503,852, filed Feb. 15, 2000, and claims benefit thereof.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (7):

[0007] Since the initial discovery of the sphingomyelin pathway, numerous studies have been published on the potential role of ceramide in signaling cell death (Hannun, (1996) id.; and Kolesnick & Kronke (1998) id.). A central role for ceramide, a pro-apoptotic sphingolipid (Kolesnick & Kronke, Annu. Rev. Physiol., 60:643 (1998)) derived from either sphingomyelin hydrolysis or de novo synthesis, in mediating death of oocytes exposed to anti-cancer therapies, has recently emerged (Perez et al, Nat. Med., 3:1228 (1997); and Morita, Y. et

al., Nat. Med. 6, 1109-1114 (2000)). Oocyte apoptosis is suppressed by disruption of the acid sphingomyelinase gene or by sphingosine-1-phosphate therapy (Morita, Y. et al., Nat. Med. 6, 1109-1114 (2000)). Whether or not cells die in response to ceramide elevations is, however, at least partly dependent upon the rate at which ceramide is metabolized. It is now known that ceramide can also be metabolized via ceramidase to sphingosine, which is then phosphorylated by sphingosine kinase to generate sphingosine-1-phosphate (S1P), a potent antagonist of ceramide-promoted apoptosis (Cuvillier et al., Nature 381, 800 (1996); Spiegel et al., Ann. N.Y. Acad. Sci 845, 11 (1998); and Spiegel, J. Leukoc. Biol. 65, 341 (1999)).

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#### ABSTRACT:

The present invention relates to methods for the diagnosis and treatment of a cancer or cancer. Specifically, the present invention identifies the differential expression of 140, 1470, 1686, 2089, 2427, 3702, 5891, 6428, 7181, 7660, 25641, 69583, 49863, 8897, 1682, 17667, 9235, 3703, 14171, 10359, 1660, 1450, 18894, 2088, 32427, 2160, 9252, 9389, 1642, 85269, 10297, 1584, 9525, 14124, 4469, 8990, 2100, 9288, 64698, 10480, 20893, 33230, 1586, 9943, 16334, 68862, 9011, 14031, 6178, 21225, 1420, 32236, 2099, 2150, 26583, 2784, 8941, 9811, 27444, 50566 and 66428 genes in tissues relating to cancer, relative to their expression in normal, or non-cancer disease states, and/or in response to manipulations relevant to a cancer. The present invention describes methods for the diagnostic evaluation and prognosis of various cancers, and for the identification of subjects exhibiting a predisposition to such conditions. The invention also provides methods for identifying a compound capable of modulating a cancer or cancer. The present invention also provides methods for the identification and therapeutic use of compounds as treatments of cancer.

#### RELATED APPLICATIONS

[0001] The present application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/353,600, filed on Jan. 31, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/364,517, filed on Mar. 15, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/371,075, filed on Apr. 9, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/371,507, filed on Apr. 10, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/372,984, filed on Apr. 16, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/374,194, filed on Apr. 19, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/382,995, filed on May 24, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/385,023, filed on May 31, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/388,853, filed on Jun. 14, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/389,395, filed on Jun. 17, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/391,324, filed on Jun. 25, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/395,944, filed on Jul. 15, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/397,726, filed on Jul. 22, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/403,046, filed on Aug. 13, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/405,155, filed on Aug. 22, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/406,361, filed on Aug. 27, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/421,195, filed on Oct. 25, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/425,456, filed on Nov. 12, 2002, of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/427,626, filed on Nov. 19, 2002, and of U.S. Provisional Application serial No. 60/432,122, filed on Dec. 10, 2002.

The entire contents of these provisional patent applications are hereby incorporated by this reference.

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Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (315):

[0314] The human 49863 sequence (SEQ ID NO:25), known also sphingosine kinase 1 (SPK-1), is approximately 1799 nucleotides long including untranslated regions. The coding sequence, located at about nucleic acids 359 to 1513 of SEQ ID NO:25, encodes a 384 amino acid protein (SEQ ID NO:26).

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (419):

[0418] The human 64698 sequence (SEQ ID NO:77), known also as a sphingosine kinase 2 (SPK2), is approximately 2380 nucleotides long including untranslated regions. The coding sequence, located at about nucleic acids 7 to 1863 of SEQ ID NO:77, encodes a 618 amino acid protein (SEQ ID NO:78).

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ABSTRACT:

Reagents which regulate human sphingosine kinase-like protein activity and reagents which bind to human sphingosine kinase-like gene products can be used to regulate intracellular signaling and consequently cell proliferation and apoptosis. Such regulation is particularly useful for treating cancer, allergies including but not limited to asthma, autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, and central and peripheral nervous system disorders, such as Parkinson's disease.

[0001] This application claims priority to and incorporates by reference co-pending provisional applications Serial No. 60/238,005 filed Oct. 6, 2000 and 60/314,113 filed Aug. 23, 2001.

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Abstract Paragraph - ABTX (1):

Reagents which regulate human sphingosine kinase-like protein activity and reagents which bind to human sphingosine kinase-like gene products can be used to regulate intracellular signaling and consequently cell proliferation and apoptosis. Such regulation is particularly useful for treating cancer, allergies including but not limited to asthma, autoimmune diseases such as rheumatoid arthritis, and central and peripheral nervous system disorders, such as Parkinson's disease.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (20):

[0018] Still another embodiment of the invention is a method of screening

for agents that can regulate an activity of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, comprising the steps of contacting a test compound with a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof; and detecting binding of the test compound to the polypeptide, wherein a test compound that binds to the polypeptide is identified as a potential agent for regulating the activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (21):

[0019] Yet another embodiment of the invention is a method of screening for therapeutic agents that can regulate an enzymatic activity of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, comprising the steps of contacting a test compound with a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof; and detecting the enzymatic activity of the polypeptide, wherein a test compound that increases the enzymatic activity of the polypeptide is identified as a potential therapeutic agent for increasing the enzymatic activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein, and wherein a test compound that decreases the enzymatic activity of the polypeptide is identified as a potential therapeutic agent for decreasing the enzymatic activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (22):

[0020] A further embodiment of the invention is a method of screening for therapeutic agents that can regulate an activity of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, comprising the steps of contacting a test compound with a product encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof; and detecting binding of the test compound to the product, wherein a test compound that binds to the product is identified as a potential therapeutic agent for regulating the activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (23):

[0021] Another embodiment of the invention is a method of reducing an activity of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, comprising the step of contacting a cell comprising the human sphingosine kinase-like protein with a reagent that specifically binds to a product encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof, whereby the activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein is reduced.

Summary of Invention Paragraph - BSTX (27):

[0025] A further embodiment of the invention is a method of treating a disorder selected from the group consisting of a cancer, an allergy, a CNS disorder, and an autoimmune disease, comprising the step of administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective dose of a reagent that inhibits a function of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, wherein the human sphingosine kinase-like protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof, whereby symptoms of the disorder are ameliorated.

Brief Description of Drawings Paragraph - DRTX (3):

[0033] FIG. 2. Amino acid sequence of human sphingosine kinase-like protein (SEQ ID NO: 2). The diacylglycerol kinase catalytic domain is shown in bold.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (6):

[0040] Sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides according to the invention comprise an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, a portion of SEQ ID NO: 2 comprising at least 6, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 320, or 326 contiguous amino acids, or a biologically active variant of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2, as defined below. Sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides according to the invention comprise an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 10, a portion of SEQ ID NO: 10 comprising at least 6, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 325, 350, 375, 400, 425, 450, 475, 500, 525, or 537 contiguous amino acids, or a biologically active variant of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 10, as defined below. Sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides according to the invention comprise an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 11, a portion of SEQ ID NO: 11 comprising at least 6, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 325, 350, 375, 400, 425, 450, 475, 500, 525, 550, or 562 contiguous amino acids, or a biologically active variant of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 11, as defined below. A sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide of the invention therefore can be a portion of a sphingosine kinase-like protein molecule, a full-length sphingosine kinase-like protein molecule, or a fusion protein comprising all or a portion of a sphingosine kinase-like protein molecule.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (8):

[0042] Sphingosine kinase-like protein variants which are biologically active, i.e., retain a sphingosine kinase-like protein activity, also are sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides. Preferably, naturally or non-naturally occurring sphingosine kinase-like protein variants have amino acid sequences which are at least about 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, preferably about 75, 90, 96, or 98% identical to an amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2. Percent identity between a putative sphingosine kinase-like protein variant and an amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2 is determined using the Blast2 alignment program.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (10):

[0044] Amino acid insertions or deletions are changes to or within an amino acid sequence. They typically fall in the range of about 1 to 5 amino acids. Guidance in determining which amino acid residues can be substituted, inserted, or deleted without abolishing biological or immunological activity can be found using computer programs well known in the art, such as DNASTAR software. Whether an amino acid change results in a biologically active sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can readily be determined by assaying for sphingosine kinase activity, as is known in the art and described, for example, in Liu, et al., J. Biol. Chem. 275, 19513-19520, 2000.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (12):

[0046] Fusion proteins are useful for generating antibodies against sphingosine kinase-like protein amino acid sequences and for use in various assay systems. For example, fusion proteins can be used to identify proteins



which interact with portions of a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide, including its active site and fibronectin domains. Methods such as protein affinity chromatography or library-based assays for protein-protein interactions, such as the yeast two-hybrid or phage display systems, can be used for this purpose. Such methods are well known in the art and also can be used as drug screens.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (13):

[0047] A sphingosine kinase-like protein fusion protein comprises two protein segments fused together by means of a peptide bond. Contiguous amino acids for use in a fusion protein can be selected from the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 or from a biologically active variants of those sequences, such as those described above. For example, the first protein segment can comprise at least 6, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 325, or 340 or more contiguous amino acids of SEQ ID NO: 2 or a biologically active variant. Sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides according to the invention comprise an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 10, a portion of SEQ ID NO: 10 comprising at least 6, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 325, 350, 375, 400, 425, 450, 475, 500, 525, or 537 contiguous amino acids, or a biologically active variant of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 10, as defined above. Sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides according to the invention comprise an amino acid sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 11, a portion of SEQ ID NO: 11 comprising at least 6, 10, 15, 25, 50, 75, 100, 125, 150, 175, 200, 225, 250, 275, 300, 325, 350, 375, 400, 425, 450, 475, 500, 525, 550, or 562 contiguous amino acids, or a biologically active variant of the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 11, as defined above. Preferably, a fusion protein comprises the active site of the protease and/or one or both of the fibronectin domains. The first protein segment also can comprise full-length sphingosine kinase-like protein.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (14):

[0048] The second protein segment can be a full-length protein or a protein fragment or polypeptide. Proteins commonly used in fusion protein construction include .beta.-galactosidase, .beta.-glucuronidase, green fluorescent protein (GFP), autofluorescent proteins, including blue fluorescent protein (BFP), glutathione-S-transferase (GST), luciferase, horseradish peroxidase (HRP), and chloramphenicol acetyltransferase (CAT). Additionally, epitope tags are used in fusion protein constructions, including histidine (His) tags, FLAG tags, influenza hemagglutinin (HA) tags, Myc tags, VSV-G tags, and thioredoxin (Trx) tags. Other fusion constructions can include maltose binding protein (MBP), S-tag, Lex a DNA binding domain (DBD) fusions, GAL4 DNA binding domain fusions, and herpes simplex virus (HSV) BP16 protein fusions. A fusion protein also can be engineered to contain a cleavage site located between the sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide-encoding sequence and the heterologous protein sequence, so that the sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be cleaved and purified away from the heterologous moiety.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (15):

[0049] A fusion protein can be synthesized chemically, as is known in the art. Preferably, a fusion protein is produced by covalently linking two protein segments or by standard procedures in the art of molecular biology. Recombinant DNA methods can be used to prepare fusion proteins, for example, by making a DNA construct which comprises sphingosine kinase-like protein coding sequences disclosed herein in proper reading frame with nucleotides encoding the second protein segment and expressing the DNA construct in a host cell, as is known in the art. Many kits for constructing fusion proteins are available

from companies such as Promega Corporation (Madison, Wis.), Stratagene (La Jolla, Calif.), CLONTECH (Mountain View, Calif.), Santa Cruz Biotechnology (Santa Cruz, Calif.), MBL International Corporation (MIC; Watertown, Mass.), and Quantum Biotechnologies (Montreal, Canada; 1-888-DNA-KITS).

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (19):

[0053] A sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide can be single- or double-stranded and comprises a coding sequence or the complement of a coding sequence for a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide. A partial coding sequence of a sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide is shown in SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 9.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (20):

[0054] Degenerate nucleotide sequences encoding human sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides, as well as homologous nucleotide sequences which are at least about 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, preferably about 75, 90, 96, or 98% identical to the sphingosine kinase-like protein coding sequences nucleotide sequence shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 also are sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides. Percent sequence identity between the sequences of two polynucleotides is determined using computer programs such as ALIGN which employ the FASTA algorithm, using an affine gap search with a gap open penalty of -12 and a gap extension penalty of -2. Complementary DNA (cDNA) molecules, species homologs, and variants of sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides which encode biologically active sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides also are sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (22):

[0056] Variants and homologs of the sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides disclosed above also are sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides. Typically, homologous sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide sequences can be identified by hybridization of candidate polynucleotides to known sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides under stringent conditions, as is known in the art. For example, using the following wash conditions--2.times.SSC (0.3 M NaCl, 0.03 M sodium citrate, pH 7.0), 0.1% SDS, room temperature twice, 30 minutes each; then 2.times.SSC, 0.1% SDS, 50.degree. C. once, 30 minutes; then 2.times.SSC, room temperature twice, 10 minutes each--homologous sequences can be identified which contain at most about 25-30% basepair mismatches. More preferably, homologous nucleic acid strands contain 15-25% basepair mismatches, even more preferably 5-15% basepair mismatches.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (23):

[0057] Species homologs of the sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides disclosed herein can be identified by making suitable probes or primers and screening cDNA expression libraries from other species, such as mice, monkeys, or yeast. Human variants of sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides can be identified, for example, by screening human cDNA expression libraries. It is well known that the T.sub.m of a double-stranded DNA decreases by 1-1.5.degree. C. with every 1% decrease in homology (Bonner et al., J. Mol. Biol. 81, 123 (1973)). Variants of human sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides or sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides of other species can therefore be identified, for example, by hybridizing a putative homologous sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide with a polynucleotide having a nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 9. The melting temperature of the test hybrid is compared with the

melting temperature of a hybrid comprising sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides having perfectly complementary nucleotide sequences, and the number or percent of basepair mismatches within the test hybrid is calculated.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (24):

[0058] Nucleotide sequences which hybridize to sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides or their complements following stringent hybridization and/or wash conditions are also sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides. Stringent wash conditions are well known and understood in the art and are disclosed, for example, in Sambrook et al., MOLECULAR CLONING: A LABORATORY MANUAL, 2d ed., 1989, at pages 9.50-9.51.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (25):

[0059] Typically, for stringent hybridization conditions a combination of temperature and salt concentration should be chosen that is approximately 12-20.degree. C. below the calculated T.sub.m of the hybrid under study. The T.sub.m of a hybrid between a sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide having a coding sequence disclosed herein and a polynucleotide sequence which is at least about 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, preferably about 75, 90, 96, or 98% identical to that nucleotide sequence can be calculated, for example, using the equation of Bolton and McCarthy, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 48, 1390 (1962):

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (30):

[0063] A naturally occurring sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide can be isolated free of other cellular components such as membrane components, proteins, and lipids. Polynucleotides can be made by a cell and isolated using standard nucleic acid purification techniques, synthesized using an amplification technique, such as the polymerase chain reaction (PCR), or synthesized using an automatic synthesizer. Methods for isolating polynucleotides are routine and are known in the art. Any such technique for obtaining a polynucleotide can be used to obtain isolated sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides. For example, restriction enzymes and probes can be used to isolate polynucleotide fragments which comprise sphingosine kinase-like protein nucleotide sequences. Isolated polynucleotides are in preparations which are free or at least 70, 80, or 90% free of other molecules.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (32):

[0065] Alternatively, synthetic chemistry techniques can be used to synthesize sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotides. The degeneracy of the genetic code allows alternate nucleotide sequences to be synthesized which will encode a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide having, for example, the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 or a biologically active variant of that sequence.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (34):

[0067] Various PCR-based methods can be used to extend the nucleic acid sequences encoding the disclosed portions of human sphingosine kinase-like protein to detect upstream sequences such as promoters and regulatory elements. For example, restriction-site PCR uses universal primers to retrieve unknown sequence adjacent to a known locus (Sarkar, PCR Methods Applic. 2, 318-322, 1993). Genomic DNA is first amplified in the presence of a primer to a linker sequence and a primer specific to the known region. The amplified sequences

are then subjected to a second round of PCR with the same linker primer and another specific primer internal to the first one. Products of each round of PCR are transcribed with an appropriate RNA polymerase and sequenced using reverse transcriptase.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (45):

[0078] To express a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide, a sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide can be inserted into an expression vector which contains the necessary elements for the transcription and translation of the inserted coding sequence. Methods which are well known to those skilled in the art can be used to construct expression vectors containing sequences encoding sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides and appropriate transcriptional and translational control elements. These methods include in vitro recombinant DNA techniques, synthetic techniques, and in vivo genetic recombination. Such techniques are described, for example, in Sambrook et al. (1989) and Ausubel et al., CURRENT PROTOCOLS IN MOLECULAR BIOLOGY, John Wiley & Sons, New York, N.Y., 1989.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (46):

[0079] A variety of expression vector/host systems can be utilized to contain and express sequences encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide. These include, but are not limited to, microorganisms, such as bacteria transformed with recombinant bacteriophage, plasmid, or cosmid DNA expression vectors; yeast transformed with yeast expression vectors, insect cell systems infected with virus expression vectors (e.g., baculovirus), plant cell systems transformed with virus expression vectors (e.g., cauliflower mosaic virus, CaMV; tobacco mosaic virus, TMV) or with bacterial expression vectors (e.g., Ti or pBR322 plasmids), or animal cell systems.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (47):

[0080] The control elements or regulatory sequences are those non-translated regions of the vector--enhancers, promoters, 5' and 3' untranslated regions--which interact with host cellular proteins to carry out transcription and translation. Such elements can vary in their strength and specificity. Depending on the vector system and host utilized, any number of suitable transcription and translation elements, including constitutive and inducible promoters, can be used. For example, when cloning in bacterial systems, inducible promoters such as the hybrid lacZ promoter of the BLUESCRIPT phagemid (Stratagene, LaJolla, Calif.) or pSPORT1 plasmid (Life Technologies) and the like can be used. The baculovirus polyhedrin promoter can be used in insect cells. Promoters or enhancers derived from the genomes of plant cells (e.g., heat shock, RUBISCO, and storage protein genes) or from plant viruses (e.g., viral promoters or leader sequences) can be cloned into the vector. In mammalian cell systems, promoters from mammalian genes or from mammalian viruses are preferable. If it is necessary to generate a cell line that contains multiple copies of a nucleotide sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide, vectors based on SV40 or EBV can be used with an appropriate selectable marker.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (49):

[0082] In bacterial systems, a number of expression vectors can be selected depending upon the use intended for the sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide. For example, when a large quantity of a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide is needed for the induction of antibodies, vectors which direct high level expression of fusion proteins that are readily purified

8&gt;w can be used. Such vectors include, but are not limited to, multifunctional E. coli cloning and expression vectors such as BLUESCRIPT (Stratagene), in which the sequence encoding the sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be ligated into the vector in frame with sequences for the amino-terminal Met and the subsequent 7 residues of -galactosidase so that a hybrid protein is produced. pIN vectors (Van Heeke & Schuster, J. Biol. Chem. 264, 5503-5509, 1989 or pGEX vectors (Promega, Madison, Wis.) can be used to express foreign Polypeptides as fusion proteins with glutathione S-transferase (GST). In general, such fusion proteins are soluble and can easily be purified from lysed cells by adsorption to glutathione-agarose beads followed by elution in the presence of free glutathione. Proteins made in such systems can be designed to include heparin, thrombin, or Factor Xa protease cleavage sites so that the cloned polypeptide of interest can be released from the GST moiety at will.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (52):

[0085] If plant expression vectors are used, the expression of sequences encoding sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides can be driven by any of a number of promoters. For example, viral promoters such as the 35S and 19S promoters of CaMV can be used alone or in combination with the omega leader sequence from TMV (Takamatsu EMBO J. 6, 307-311, 1987). Alternatively, plant promoters such as the small subunit of RUBISCO or heat shock promoters can be used (Coruzzi et al., EMBO J. 3, 1671-1680, 1984; Broglie et al., Science 224, 838-843, 1984; Winter et al., Results Probl. Cell Differ. 17, 85-105, 1991). These constructs can be introduced into plant cells by direct DNA transformation or by pathogen-mediated transfection. Such techniques are described in a number of generally available reviews (see, for example, Hobbs or Murray, in MCGRAW HILL YEARBOOK OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, McGraw Hill, New York, N.Y., pp. 191-196, 1992).

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (53):

[0086] An insect system also can be used to express a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide. For example, in one such system Autographa californica nuclear polyhedrosis virus (AcNPV) is used as a vector to express foreign genes in Spodoptera frugiperda cells or in Trichoplusia larvae. Sequences encoding sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides can be cloned into a non-essential region of the virus, such as the polyhedrin gene, and placed under control of the polyhedrin promoter. Successful insertion of sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides will render the polyhedrin gene inactive and produce recombinant virus lacking coat protein. The recombinant viruses can then be used to infect, for example, S. frugiperda cells or Trichoplusia larvae in which sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides can be expressed (Engelhard et al., Proc. Nat. Acad. Sci. 91, 3224-3227, 1994).

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (55):

[0088] A number of viral-based expression systems can be utilized in mammalian host cells. For example, if an adenovirus is used as an expression vector, sequences encoding sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides can be ligated into an adenovirus transcription/translation complex consisting of the late promoter and tripartite leader sequence. Insertion in a non-essential E1 or E3 region of the viral genome can be used to obtain a viable virus which is capable of expressing a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide in infected host cells (Logan & Shenk, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 81, 3655-3659, 1984). In addition, transcription enhancers, such as the Rous sarcoma virus (RSV) enhancer, can be used to increase expression in mammalian host cells.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (57):

[0090] Specific initiation signals also can be used to achieve more efficient translation of sequences encoding sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides. Such signals include the ATG initiation codon and adjacent sequences. In cases where sequences encoding a sphingosine kinase-like polypeptide, its initiation codon, and upstream sequences are inserted into the appropriate expression vector, no additional transcriptional or translational control signals may be needed. However, in cases where only coding sequence, or a fragment thereof, is inserted, exogenous translational control signals (including the ATG initiation codon) should be provided. The initiation codon should be in the correct reading frame to ensure translation of the entire insert. Exogenous translational elements and initiation codons can be of various origins, both natural and synthetic. The efficiency of expression can be enhanced by the inclusion of enhancers which are appropriate for the particular cell system which is used (see Scharf et al., Results Probl. Cell Differ. 20, 125-162, 1994).

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (59):

[0092] A host cell strain can be chosen for its ability to modulate the expression of the inserted sequences or to process an expressed sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide in the desired fashion. Such modifications of the polypeptide include, but are not limited to, acetylation, carboxylation, glycosylation, phosphorylation, lipidation, and acylation. Post-translational processing which cleaves a "prepro" form of the polypeptide also can be used to facilitate correct insertion, folding and/or function. Different host cells which have specific cellular machinery and characteristic mechanisms for post-translational activities (e.g., CHO, HeLa, MDCK, HEK293, and WI38), are available from the American Type Culture Collection (ATCC; 10801 University Boulevard, Manassas, Va. 20110-2209) and can be chosen to ensure the correct modification and processing of the foreign protein.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (60):

[0093] Stable expression is preferred for long-term, high-yield production of recombinant proteins. For example, cell lines which stably express sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides can be transformed using expression vectors which can contain viral origins of replication and/or endogenous expression elements and a selectable marker gene on the same or on a separate vector. Following the introduction of the vector, cells can be allowed to grow for 1-2 days in an enriched medium before they are switched to a selective medium. The purpose of the selectable marker is to confer resistance to selection, and its presence allows growth and recovery of cells which successfully express the introduced sphingosine kinase-like protein sequences. Resistant clones of stably transformed cells can be proliferated using tissue culture techniques appropriate to the cell type.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (63):

[0096] Although the presence of marker gene expression suggests that the sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide is also present, its presence and expression may need to be confirmed. For example, if a sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide is inserted within a marker gene sequence, transformed cells containing sequences which encode a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be identified by the absence of marker gene function. Alternatively, a marker gene can be placed in tandem with a sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide under the control of a single promoter. Expression of the marker gene in response to induction or

selection usually indicates expression of the sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (65):

[0098] The presence of a polynucleotide sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be detected by DNA-DNA or DNA-RNA hybridization or amplification using probes or fragments or fragments of polynucleotides encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide. Nucleic acid amplification-based assays involve the use of oligonucleotides selected from sequences encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide to detect transformants which contain a sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (67):

[0100] A wide variety of labels and conjugation techniques are known by those skilled in the art and can be used in various nucleic acid and amino acid assays. Means for producing labeled hybridization or PCR probes for detecting sequences related to polynucleotides encoding sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides include oligolabeling, nick translation, end-labeling, or PCR amplification using a labeled nucleotide. Alternatively, sequences encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be cloned into a vector for the production of an mRNA probe. Such vectors are known in the art, are commercially available, and can be used to synthesize RNA probes in vitro by addition of labeled nucleotides and an appropriate RNA polymerase, such as T7, T3, or SP6. These procedures can be conducted using a variety of commercially available kits (Amersham Pharmacia Biotech, Promega, and US Biochemical). Suitable reporter molecules or labels which can be used for ease of detection include radionuclides, enzymes, fluorescent, chemiluminescent, or chromogenic agents, as well as substrates, cofactors, inhibitors, magnetic particles, and the like.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (69):

[0102] Host cells transformed with nucleotide sequences encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be cultured under conditions suitable for the expression and recovery of the protein from cell culture. The polypeptide produced by a transformed cell can be secreted or contained intracellularly depending on the sequence and/or the vector used. As will be understood by those of skill in the art, expression vectors containing polynucleotides which encode sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides can be designed to contain signal sequences which direct secretion of sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides through a prokaryotic or eukaryotic cell membrane.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (70):

[0103] Other constructions can be used to join a sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide to a nucleotide sequence encoding a polypeptide domain which will facilitate purification of soluble proteins. Such purification facilitating domains include, but are not limited to, metal chelating peptides such as histidine-tryptophan modules that allow purification on immobilized metals, protein A domains that allow purification on immobilized immunoglobulin, and the domain utilized in the FLAGS extension/affinity purification system (Immunex Corp., Seattle, Wash.). The inclusion of cleavable linker sequences such as those specific for Factor Xa or enterokinase (Invitrogen, San Diego, Calif.) between the purification domain and the sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be used to facilitate

purification. One such expression vector provides for expression of a fusion protein containing a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide and 6 histidine residues preceding a thioredoxin or an enterokinase cleavage site. The histidine residues facilitate purification on IMAC (immobilized metal ion affinity chromatography as described in Porath et al., Prot. Exp. Purif. 3, 263-281, 1992), while the enterokinase cleavage site provides a means for purifying the sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide from the fusion protein. Vectors which contain fusion proteins are disclosed in Kroll et al., DNA Cell Biol. 12, 441-453, 1993).

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (72):

[0105] Sequences encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be synthesized, in whole or in part, using chemical methods well known in the art (see Caruthers et al., Nucl. Acids Res. Symp. Ser. 215-223, 1980; Horn et al. Nucl. Acids Res. Symp. Ser. 225-232, 1980). Alternatively, a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide itself can be produced using chemical methods to synthesize its amino acid sequence. For example, sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides can be produced by direct peptide synthesis using solid-phase techniques (Merrifield, J. Am. Chem. Soc. 85, 2149-2154, 1963; Roberge et al., Science 269, 202-204, 1995). Protein synthesis can be performed using manual techniques or by automation. Automated synthesis can be achieved, for example, using Applied Biosystems 431A Peptide Synthesizer (Perkin Elmer). Various fragments of sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides can be separately synthesized and combined using chemical methods to produce a full-length molecule.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (73):

[0106] The newly synthesized peptide can be substantially purified by preparative high performance liquid chromatography (e.g., Creighton, PROTEINS: STRUCTURES AND MOLECULAR PRINCIPLES, WH Freeman and Co., New York, N.Y., 1983). The composition of a synthetic sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be confirmed by amino acid analysis or sequencing (e.g., the Edman degradation procedure; see Creighton, supra). Additionally, any portion of the amino acid sequence of the sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can be altered during direct synthesis and/or combined using chemical methods with sequences from other proteins to produce a variant polypeptide or a fusion protein.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (75):

[0108] As will be understood by those of skill in the art, it may be advantageous to produce sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide-encoding nucleotide sequences possessing non-naturally occurring codons. For example, codons preferred by a particular prokaryotic or eukaryotic host can be selected to increase the rate of protein expression or to produce an RNA transcript having desirable properties, such as a half-life which is longer than that of a transcript generated from the naturally occurring sequence.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (76):

[0109] The nucleotide sequences disclosed herein can be engineered using methods generally known in the art to alter sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide-encoding sequences for a variety of reasons, including modification of the cloning, processing, and/or expression of the gene product. DNA shuffling by random fragmentation and PCR reassembly of gene fragments and synthetic oligonucleotides can be used to engineer the nucleotide sequences. For example, site-directed mutagenesis can be used to insert new restriction sites, alter glycosylation patterns, change codon preference, produce splice



variants, introduce mutations, and so forth.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (83):

[0116] In addition, techniques developed for the production of "chimeric antibodies," the splicing of mouse antibody genes to human antibody genes to obtain a molecule with appropriate antigen specificity and biological activity, can be used (Morrison et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. 81, 6851-6855, 1984; Neuberger et al., Nature 312, 604-608, 1984; Takeda et al., Nature 314, 452-454, 1985). Monoclonal and other antibodies also can be "humanized" to prevent a patient from mounting an immune response against the antibody when it is used therapeutically. Such antibodies may be sufficiently similar in sequence to human antibodies to be used directly in therapy or may require alteration of a few key residues. Sequence differences between rodent antibodies and human sequences can be minimized by replacing residues which differ from those in the human sequences by site directed mutagenesis of individual residues or by grating of entire complementarity determining regions. Alternatively, one can produce humanized antibodies using recombinant methods, as described in GB2188638B. Antibodies which specifically bind to a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide can contain antigen binding sites which are either partially or fully humanized, as disclosed in U.S. Pat. No. 5,565,332.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (91):

[0124] Antisense oligonucleotides are nucleotide sequences which are complementary to a specific DNA or RNA sequence. Once introduced into a cell, the complementary nucleotides combine with natural sequences produced by the cell to form complexes and block either transcription or translation. Preferably, an antisense oligonucleotide is at least 11 nucleotides in length, but can be at least 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, or 50 or more nucleotides long. Longer sequences also can be used. Antisense oligonucleotide molecules can be provided in a DNA construct and introduced into a cell as described above to decrease the level of sphingosine kinase-like protein gene products in the cell.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (93):

[0126] Modifications of sphingosine kinase-like protein gene expression can be obtained by designing antisense oligonucleotides which will form duplexes to the control, 5', or regulatory regions of the sphingosine kinase-like protein gene. Oligonucleotides derived from the transcription initiation site, e.g., between positions -10 and +10 from the start site, are preferred. Similarly, inhibition can be achieved using "triple helix" base-pairing methodology. Triple helix pairing is useful because it causes inhibition of the ability of the double helix to open sufficiently for the binding of polymerases, transcription factors, or chaperons. Therapeutic advances using triplex DNA have been described in the literature (e.g., Gee et al., in Huber & Carr, MOLECULAR AND IMMUNOLOGIC APPROACHES, Futura Publishing Co., Mt. Kisco, N.Y., 1994). An antisense oligonucleotide also can be designed to block translation of mRNA by preventing the transcript from binding to ribosomes.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (94):

[0127] Precise complementarity is not required for successful duplex formation between an antisense oligonucleotide and the complementary sequence of a sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide. Antisense oligonucleotides which comprise, for example, 2, 3, 4, or 5 or more stretches of contiguous nucleotides which are precisely complementary to a sphingosine

kinase-like protein polynucleotide, each separated by a stretch of contiguous nucleotides which are not complementary to adjacent sphingosine kinase-like protein nucleotides, can provide targeting specificity for sphingosine kinase-like protein mRNA. Preferably, each stretch of complementary contiguous nucleotides is at least 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8 or more nucleotides in length. Non-complementary intervening sequences are preferably 1, 2, 3, or 4 nucleotides in length. One skilled in the art can easily use the calculated melting point of an antisense-sense pair to determine the degree of mismatching which will be tolerated between a particular antisense oligonucleotide and a particular sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide sequence.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (98):

[0131] The coding sequence of a sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide can be used to generate ribozymes which will specifically bind to mRNA transcribed from the sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide. Methods of designing and constructing ribozymes which can cleave other RNA molecules in trans in a highly sequence specific manner have been developed and described in the art (see Haseloff et al. Nature 334, 585-591, 1988). For example, the cleavage activity of ribozymes can be targeted to specific RNAs by engineering a discrete "hybridization" region into the ribozyme. The hybridization region contains a sequence complementary to the target RNA and thus specifically hybridizes with the target (see, for example, Gerlach et al., EP 321,201).

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (99):

[0132] Specific ribozyme cleavage sites within a sphingosine kinase-like protein RNA target are initially identified by scanning the RNA molecule for ribozyme cleavage sites which include the following sequences: GUA, GUU, and GUC. Once identified, short RNA sequences of between 15 and 20 ribonucleotides corresponding to the region of the sphingosine kinase-like protein target RNA containing the cleavage site can be evaluated for secondary structural features which may render the target inoperable. The suitability of candidate targets also can be evaluated by testing accessibility to hybridization with complementary oligonucleotides using ribonuclease protection assays. Longer complementary sequences can be used to increase the affinity of the hybridization sequence for the target. The hybridizing and cleavage regions of the ribozyme can be integrally related; thus, upon hybridizing to the sphingosine kinase-like protein target RNA through the complementary regions, the catalytic region of the ribozyme can cleave the target.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (101):

[0134] As taught in Haselof et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,641,673, ribozymes can be engineered so that ribozyme expression will occur in response to factors which induce expression of a target gene. Ribozymes also can be engineered to provide an additional level of regulation, so that destruction of sphingosine kinase-like protein mRNA occurs only when both a ribozyme and a target gene are induced in the cells.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (103):

[0136] Described herein are methods for the identification of genes whose products interact with human sphingosine kinase-like protein. Such genes may represent genes which are differentially expressed in disorders including, but not limited to, cancer, allergies, CNS disorders, and autoimmune disease. Further, such genes may represent genes which are differentially regulated in response to manipulations relevant to the progression or treatment of such

diseases. Additionally, such genes may have a temporally modulated expression, increased or decreased at different stages of tissue or organism development. A differentially expressed gene may also have its expression modulated under control versus experimental conditions. In addition, the human sphingosine kinase-like gene or gene product may itself be tested for differential expression.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (107):

[0140] The differential expression information may itself suggest relevant methods for the treatment of disorders involving the human sphingosine kinase-like protein. For example, treatment may include a modulation of expression of the differentially expressed genes and/or the gene encoding the human sphingosine kinase-like protein. The differential expression information may indicate whether the expression or activity of the differentially expressed gene or gene product or the human sphingosine kinase-like gene or gene product are up-regulated or down-regulated.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (116):

[0149] Test compounds can be screened for the ability to bind to sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides or polynucleotides or to affect sphingosine kinase-like protein activity or sphingosine kinase-like protein gene expression using high throughput screening. Using high throughput screening, many discrete compounds can be tested in parallel so that large numbers of test compounds can be quickly screened. The most widely established techniques utilize 96-well microtiter plates. The wells of the microtiter plates typically require assay volumes that range from 50 to 500  $\mu$ l. In addition to the plates, many instruments, materials, pipettors, robotics, plate washers, and plate readers are commercially available to fit the 96-well format.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (126):

[0159] The two-hybrid system is based on the modular nature of most transcription factors, which consist of separable DNA-binding and activation domains. Briefly, the assay utilizes two different DNA constructs. For example, in one construct a polynucleotide encoding a sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide is fused to a polynucleotide encoding the DNA binding domain of a known transcription factor (eg., GAL-4). In the other construct, a DNA sequence that encodes an unidentified protein ("prey" or "sample") is fused to a polynucleotide that codes for the activation domain of the known transcription factor. If the "bait" and the "prey" proteins are able to interact in vivo to form an protein-dependent complex, the DNA-binding and activation domains of the transcription factor are brought into close proximity. This proximity allows transcription of a reporter gene (e.g., LacZ), which is operably linked to a transcriptional regulatory site responsive to the transcription factor. Expression of the reporter gene can be detected, and cell colonies containing the functional transcription factor can be isolated and used to obtain the DNA sequence encoding the protein which interacts with the sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptide.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (135):

[0168] In another embodiment, test compounds which increase or decrease sphingosine kinase-like protein gene expression are identified. A sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide is contacted with a test compound, and the expression of an RNA or polypeptide product of the sphingosine kinase-like protein polynucleotide is determined. The level of expression of sphingosine kinase-like protein mRNA or polypeptide in the presence of the test compound is

compared to the level of expression of sphingosine kinase-like protein mRNA or polypeptide in the absence of the test compound. The test compound can then be identified as a modulator of expression based on this comparison. For example, when expression of sphingosine kinase-like protein mRNA or polypeptide is greater in the presence of the test compound than in its absence, the test compound is identified as a stimulator or enhancer of sphingosine kinase-like protein mRNA or polypeptide. Alternatively, when expression of the mRNA or protein is less in the presence of the test compound than in its absence, the test compound is identified as an inhibitor of sphingosine kinase-like protein mRNA or polypeptide expression.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (149):

[0182] Cancer. Regulation of sphingosine kinase-like protein activity may provide a method of treating cancer. Cancer is a disease fundamentally caused by oncogenic cellular transformation. There are several hallmarks of transformed cells that distinguish them from their normal counterparts and underlie the pathophysiology of cancer. These include uncontrolled cellular proliferation, unresponsiveness to normal death-inducing signals (immortalization), increased cellular motility and invasiveness, increased ability to recruit blood supply through induction of new blood vessel formation (angiogenesis), genetic instability, and dysregulated gene expression. Various combinations of these aberrant physiologies, along with the acquisition of drug-resistance frequently lead to an intractable disease state in which organ failure and patient death ultimately ensue.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (164):

[0197] A reagent which affects sphingosine kinase-like protein activity can be administered to a human cell, either in vitro or in vivo, to reduce sphingosine kinase-like protein activity. The reagent preferably binds to an expression product of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein gene. If the expression product is a polypeptide, the reagent is preferably an antibody. For treatment of human cells ex vivo, an antibody can be added to a preparation of stem cells which have been removed from the body. The cells can then be replaced in the same or another human body, with or without clonal propagation, as is known in the art.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (186):

[0218] Purified sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides comprising a glutathione-S-transferase protein are absorbed onto glutathione-derivatized wells of 96-well microtiter plates are contacted with test compounds from a small molecule library at pH 7.0 in a physiological buffer solution. Sphingosine kinase-like protein polypeptides comprise the amino acid sequence shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11. The test compounds comprise a fluorescent tag. The samples are incubated for 5 minutes to one hour. Control samples are incubated in the absence of a test compound.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (191):

[0222] RNA is isolated from the two cultures as described in Chirgwin et al., Biochem. 18, 5294-99, 1979). Northern blots are prepared using 20 to 30 .mu.g total RNA and hybridized with a .sup.32P-labeled sphingosine kinase-like protein-specific probe at 65.degree. C. in Express-hyb (CLONTECH). The probe comprises at least 11 contiguous nucleotides selected from the complement of SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 9. A test compound which decreases the sphingosine kinase-like protein-specific signal relative to the signal obtained in the absence of the test compound is identified as an inhibitor of sphingosine

kinase-like protein gene expression.

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (193):

[0223] Treatment of a Tumor with a Reagent which Specifically Binds to a Sphingosine Kinase-Like Protein Gene Product

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (194):

[0224] Synthesis of antisense sphingosine kinase-like protein oligonucleotides comprising at least 11 contiguous nucleotides selected from the complement of SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 9 is performed on a Pharmacia Gene Assembler series synthesizer using the phosphoramidite procedure (Uhlmann et al., Chem. Rev. 90, 534-83, 1990). Following assembly and deprotection, oligonucleotides are ethanol-precipitated twice, dried, and suspended in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) at the desired concentration. Purity of these oligonucleotides is tested by capillary gel electrophoreses and ion exchange HPLC. Endotoxin levels in the oligonucleotide preparation are determined using the Limulus Amebocyte Assay (Bang, Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole Mass.) 105, 361-362, 1953).

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (197):

[0226] Treatment of a Rheumatoid Arthritis with a Reagent which Specifically Binds to a Sphingosine Kinase-Like Protein Gene Product

Detail Description Paragraph - DETX (198):

[0227] Synthesis of antisense sphingosine kinase-like protein oligonucleotides comprising at least 11 contiguous nucleotides selected from the complement of SEQ ID NOS: 1 and 9 is performed on a Pharmacia Gene Assembler series synthesizer using the phosphoramidite procedure (Uhlmann et al., Chem. Rev. 90, 534-83, 1990). Following assembly and deprotection, oligonucleotides are ethanol-precipitated twice, dried, and suspended in phosphate-buffered saline (PBS) at the desired concentration. Purity of these oligonucleotides is tested by capillary gel electrophoreses and ion exchange HPLC. Endotoxin levels in the oligonucleotide preparation are determined using the Limulus Amebocyte Assay (Bang, Biol. Bull. (Woods Hole, Mass.) 105, 361-362, 1953).

Claims Text - CLTX (24):

24. A method of screening for agents that can regulate an activity of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, comprising the steps of: contacting a test compound with a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof; and detecting binding of the test compound to the polypeptide, wherein a test compound that binds to the polypeptide is identified as a potential agent for regulating the activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein.

Claims Text - CLTX (33):

33. A method of screening for therapeutic agents that can regulate an enzymatic activity of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, comprising the steps of: contacting a test compound with a polypeptide comprising an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof; and detecting the enzymatic activity of the polypeptide,

wherein a test compound that increases the enzymatic activity of the polypeptide is identified as a potential therapeutic agent for increasing the enzymatic activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein, and wherein a test compound that decreases the enzymatic activity of the polypeptide is identified as a potential therapeutic agent for decreasing the enzymatic activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein.

Claims Text - CLTX (38):

38. A method of screening for therapeutic agents that can regulate an activity of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, comprising the steps of: contacting a test compound with a product encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof; and detecting binding of the test compound to the product, wherein a test compound that binds to the product is identified as a potential therapeutic agent for regulating the activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein.

Claims Text - CLTX (41):

41. A method of reducing an activity of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, comprising the step of: contacting a cell comprising the human sphingosine kinase-like protein with a reagent that specifically binds to a product encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a nucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof, whereby the activity of the human sphingosine kinase-like protein is reduced.

Claims Text - CLTX (57):

57. A method of treating a disorder selected from the group consisting of a cancer, an allergy, a CNS disorder, and an autoimmune disease, comprising the step of: administering to a patient in need thereof a therapeutically effective dose of a reagent that inhibits a function of a human sphingosine kinase-like protein, wherein the human sphingosine kinase-like protein comprises an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of (a) the amino acid sequences shown in SEQ ID NOS: 2, 10, and 11 and (b) biologically active variants thereof, whereby symptoms of the disorder are ameliorated.

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ABSTRACT:

A method of inducing blood vessel formation in an animal by administering to the animal a polynucleotide encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof. The polynucleotide may be contained in an appropriate expression vector, such as a viral vector. The delivery of sphingosine kinase through administration of an expression vector which expresses sphingosine kinase provides for the formation of larger blood vessels containing a well defined structure that is supported by mural cells such as pericytes and smooth muscle cells.

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Brief Summary Text - BSTX (3):

Vascular endothelial cells undergo morphogenesis into capillary networks in response to angiogenic factors. It was shown previously that sphingosine-1-phosphate, or SPP, a platelet-derived bioactive lipid, is an important sphingolipid-derived second messenger in mammalian cells that acts to

promote proliferation and to inhibit apoptosis. (Olivera, et al., Nature, Vol. 365, pgs. 557-560 (Oct. 7, 1993); Spiegel, et al., J. Leukoc. Biol., Vol. 65, No. 3, pgs. 341-344 (March 1999).) Recently, SPP was defined as a novel regulator of angiogenesis. (Lee, et al., Cell, Vol. 99, No. 3, pgs. 301-312 (Oct. 29, 1999).) SPP activates the endothelial cell differentiation genes (EDG) EDG-1 and EDG-3 subtypes of G protein-coupled receptors on endothelial cells. Both EDG-1 and EDG-3 regulated signaling pathways are required for endothelial cell morphogenesis into capillary-like networks. SPP induces the Gi/mitogen-activated protein kinase cell survival pathway and enhances small GTPase Rho and Rac coupled adherens junction assembly. (Lee, 1999.) The level of SPP is regulated potentially by the enzyme that catalyzes the phosphorylation of sphingosine to SPP. The cloning and characterization of the first mammalian sphingosine kinases (murine SPHK1.alpha. and SPHK1.beta.) has been reported. (Kohama, et al., J. Biol. Chem., Vol. 273, No. 37, pgs. 23722-23728 (Sep. 11, 1998)). Human sphingosine kinases (SPHK1 and SPHK2) have also been reported. (Nava, et al., FEBS, 473:81-84 (2000) and Liu, et al., J. Biol. Chem., 275:19513-19520 (2000).)

Drawing Description Text - DRTX (4):

FIG. 2 shows the cDNA and amino acid sequences for murine sphingosine kinase 1.alpha.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (6):

In a preferred embodiment, the sphingosine kinase, or analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof is administered to the animal by administering to the animal an effective amount of a polynucleotide encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof. The sphingosine kinase is mammalian, preferably primate, and most preferably human sphingosine kinase. Specific examples of sphingosine kinase amino acid sequences and the polynucleotides encoding them are found in Genbank for human SPHK1 and SPHK2 (accession numbers AF200328 and AF245447), mouse SPHK1.alpha., SPHK1.beta., and SPHK2 (accession numbers AF068748, AF068749, and AF245448), and rat SPHK1a, SPHK1c, SPHK1d, SPHK1e, and SPHK1f (accession numbers AB049571, AB049572, AB049573, AB049574, and AB049575). SEQ. ID NO:1 and SEQ ID NO:2 show the cDNA and amino acid sequences for human SPHK1. SEQ ID NO:3 and SEQ ID NO:4 show the cDNA and amino acid sequences for human SPHK2. An analogue of sphingosine kinase includes, but is not limited to, splice variants of sphingosine kinase, deletions in the coding region, and multiple forms (T. Kohama et al., JBC, 273:23722-23728 (1998); H. Liu et al., JBC, 275:19513-19520 (2000); Y. Banno, et al., Biochem J., 335:301-304 (1998)). A fragment of sphingosine kinase is a portion of the protein that retains its activity for inducing blood vessel formation. A derivative of sphingosine kinase includes, but is not limited to, modifications to alter sphingosine kinase regulation or biological activity. Non-limiting examples include the addition of a signal sequence to force secretion of the enzyme or modification of the calcium, calmodulin binding domain, ATP binding site, or membrane retention sequences. The polynucleotide is under the control of a suitable promoter. It is to be understood, however, that the scope of the present invention is not to be limited to any specific promoters.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (7):

Preferably, the polynucleotide encoding the sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof is contained in an appropriate expression vehicle. Such expression vehicles include, but are not limited to, plasmids, eukaryotic vectors, prokaryotic vectors (such as, for example, bacterial vectors), and viral vectors. In one embodiment, the vector is a



viral vector. Viral vectors which may be employed include RNA virus vectors (such as retroviral vectors, including lentiviral vectors) and DNA virus vectors (such as adenoviral vectors, adeno-associated virus vectors, Herpes Virus vectors, and vaccinia virus vectors). When a DNA virus vector is employed in constructing the vector, the polynucleotide encoding the sphingosine kinase is in the form of DNA. When an RNA virus vector is employed in constructing the vector, the polynucleotide encoding the sphingosine kinase is in the form of RNA. Preferable viral vectors include adenoviral vectors (preferably lacking all viral genes, i.e. high capacity or gutless), lentiviral vectors (e.g. HIV, BIV-based), and adeno-associated virus (AAV) vectors.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (10):

In a preferred embodiment, the adenoviral vector comprises an adenoviral 5' ITR; an adenoviral 3' ITR; an adenoviral encapsidation signal; a DNA sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof, and a promoter controlling the DNA sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogous, fragment, or derivative thereof. The vector is free of at least the majority of adenoviral E1 and E3 DNA sequences, but is not free of all of the E2 and E4 DNA sequences, and DNA sequences encoding adenoviral proteins promoted by the adenoviral major late promoter. In one embodiment, the vector also is free of at least a portion of at least one DNA sequence selected from the group consisting of the E2 and E4 DNA sequences.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (13):

Such a vector, in a preferred embodiment, is constructed first by constructing, according to standard techniques, a shuttle plasmid which contains, beginning at the 5' end, the "critical left end elements," which include an adenoviral 5' ITR, an adenoviral encapsidation signal, and an E1a enhancer sequence; a promoter (which may be an adenoviral promoter or a foreign promoter); a multiple cloning site (which may be as herein described); a poly A signal; and a DNA segment which corresponds to a segment of the adenoviral genome. The promoter may, in one embodiment, be a regulatable promoter, such as, for example, a glucocorticoid-responsive promoter or an estrogen-responsive promoter, or the promoter may be a tissue-specific promoter. The vector also may, in another embodiment, contain genomic elements which may increase and/or maintain expression of the DNA sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof. Such genomic elements include, but are not limited to, introns, exons, polyadenylation sequences, and 5' and 3' untranslated regions. Such genomic elements, and representative examples thereof, also are described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,935,935, issued Aug. 10, 1999. The vector also may contain a tripartite leader sequence. The DNA segment which corresponds to a segment of the adenoviral genome serves as a substrate for homologous recombination with an adenovirus. The plasmid may also include a selectable marker and an origin of replication. The origin of replication may be a bacterial origin of replication. Representative examples of such shuttle plasmids include pAvS6, which is described in published PCT Application Nos. WO 94/23582, published Oct. 27, 1994, and WO 95/09654, published Apr. 13, 1995, and in U.S. Pat. No. 5,543,328, issued Aug. 6, 1996. The DNA sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof then may be inserted into the multiple cloning site of the shuttle plasmid to produce a plasmid vector.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (16):

Through such homologous recombination, a vector is formed which includes an adenoviral 5' ITR, an adenoviral encapsidation signal; an E1a enhancer sequence; a promoter; a DNA sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an

analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof; a poly A signal; adenoviral DNA sequences; and an adenoviral 3' ITR. The vector also may include a tripartite leader sequence. The vector may then be transfected into a helper cell line, such as the 293 helper cell line (ATCC No. CRL1573), which will include the E1a and the E1b DNA sequences, which are necessary for viral replication, and to generate adenoviral particles. Transfection may take place by electroporation, calcium phosphate precipitation, microinjection, or through proteoliposomes.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (24):

In another embodiment, the adenoviral vector is free of all adenoviral coding regions. This "gutless" adenoviral vector includes an adenoviral 5' ITR, an adenoviral packaging signal, a DNA sequence encoding sphingosine kinase or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof, and an adenoviral 3' ITR. The vector contains from about 26 kb to about 38 kb, preferably 28 kb to 32 kb, and may include one or more genomic elements.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (25):

The various adenoviral vectors may include promoters other than a sphingosine kinase promoter, such as tissue-specific promoters. The vector also may include, in addition to a DNA sequence encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof, DNA sequences encoding additional proteins which facilitate the generation of new blood vessels, such as, but not limited to, vascular endothelial growth factors (VEGFs), fibroblast growth factors (FGFs), IGFs, angiopoietins, including angiopoietin 1, and angiopoietin 2, TGF- $\beta$ , hypoxia inducible factors (HIFs) such as HIF1- $\alpha$ , monocyte chemoattractant proteins (MCPs) such as MCP-1, nitric oxide synthase, ephrins, such as ephrin B2, and other angiogenic genes, platelet derived endothelial growth factor, and Interleukin-8.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (42):

The retroviral plasmid vector including the polynucleotide encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof is transduced into a packaging cell line including nucleic acid sequences encoding the gag, pol, and env retroviral proteins. Examples of such packaging cell lines include, but are not limited to, the PE501, PA317 (ATCC No. CRL 9078), .PSI.-2, .PSI.-AM, PA12, T19-14X, VT-19-17-H2, .PSI.CRE, .PSI.CRIP, GP+E-86, GP+envAm12, and DAN cell lines as described in Miller, Human Gene Therapy, Vol. 1, pgs. 5-14 (1990), which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety, or the 293T cell line (U.S. Pat. No. 5,952,225). The vector may transduce the packaging cells through any means known in the art. Such means include, but are not limited to, electroporation, the use of liposomes, and CaPO<sub>4</sub> precipitation. Such producer cells generate infectious retroviral vector particles which include the polynucleotide encoding a sphingosine kinase, or an analogue, fragment, or derivative thereof.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (47):

Another embodiment has the expression of sphingosine kinase controlled by an inducible promoter. The use of an inducible gene expression system would allow the precise regulation of sphingosine kinase in a reversible manner. Several inducible systems are currently available. One example of a controlled promoter system in the Tet-On.TM. and Tet-Off.TM. systems currently available from Clontech (Palo Alto, Calif.). Tet-Off.TM. system uses the tetracycline-controlled transactivator (tTA), which is composed of the tet repressor protein (TetR) and the VP16 activation domain. tTA activates transcription in the absence of tetracycline. The Tet-On.TM. system uses the

reverse tetracycline-controlled transactivator (rtTA) and activates transcription in the presence of tetracycline. Both systems use the tetracycline-response element (TRE), which contains 7 repeats of the tet operator sequence, and the target gene, such as sphingosine kinase. tTA or rtTA bind to the TRE, activating transcription of the target gene. This promoter system allows the regulated expression of the transgene controlled by tetracycline or tetracycline derivatives, such as doxycycline. This system could be used to control the expression of sphingosine kinase in this instant invention.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (57):

The plasmid pCR3.1sphK1.alpha., derived from pCR3.1 (Invitrogen), was obtained from Thomas Baumruker (Novartis, Vienna, Austria) and contains the mouse sphingosine kinase alpha cDNA. pCR3.1sphK1x was digested with HindIII and NotI to isolate a 1,531 bp insert containing the coding sequence for sphK1.alpha.. The fragment was blunt-ended and cloned into the EcoRV site of pAVS6a1x, an adenoviral shuttle plasmid containing a lox recombination site, to create pAV1xsphK1.alpha. (FIG. 1). pAVS6a1x had been formed by adding a lox site to pAVS6a (U.S. Pat. No. 5,543,328). A 535 bp ClaI/NcoI fragment from pAVH8-1011x, containing the SV40 polyA signal and lox site was inserted into pAVS6a digested with ClaI and NcoI and linearized (4,745 bp). The sphK1.alpha. cDNA was cloned downstream of the RSV promoter and the adenoviral tripartite leader sequence, and included the SV40 polyadenylation signal and a homologous recombination region. A large-scale plasmid preparation was prepared using the alkaline lysis method and purified using a CsTFA gradient following standard protocols. The cDNA then was sequenced. The sphK1.alpha. coding sequence is 1,149 bp (SEQ ID NO:5) and encodes a 382 amino acid protein (SEQ ID NO:6). The cDNA and amino acid sequences are shown in FIG. 2.

Detailed Description Text - DETX (79):

Overexpression of Sphingosine Kinase protects cardiomyocytes from apoptosis: The AV3SK vector and its enzymatic product, sphingosine 1-phosphate (S-1-P) were both evaluated for possible inhibition of apoptosis in human cardiac myocytes induced by ceramide (n=3), heat shock (n=3), ischemia/reoxygenation (n=2). For vector-mediated studies, experiments were performed 3 days after vector treatment. The data, shown in FIG. 6, indicate that S-1-P is a potent inhibitor of human cardiac myocyte cell death. Av3SK transduced cells are also almost completely resistant to heat shock and ischemia/reoxygenation-induced apoptosis (FIG. 6). However, Av3SK vectors can only partially inhibit ceramide-induced apoptosis. This data in cardiac myocytes supports a cardioprotective role for sphingosine kinase and S1P. The use of a gene therapy vector to express sphingosine kinase represents a treatment modality for the long-term protection of cardiac myocytes from injury and protect against congestive heart failure.

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ABSTRACT:

The invention relates to methods, compositions, kits, and devices for detecting cardiac ischemia, hypoxia, or other causes of heart failure in a mammal by obtaining a test sample from a mammal, measuring a level of a non-polypeptidic cardiac marker in the test sample, and determining if the level of the cardiac marker measured in said test sample correlates with cardiac ischemia or hypoxia or another form of heart failure.

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Detailed Description Text - DETX (116):

It has been shown that sphingosine inhibits PKC by preventing DAG binding to the enzyme (Faucher et al., J. Biol. Chem. 263:5319-5327, 1988). Thus, sphingosine may bind directly to PKC via the DAG binding site. The sequence for PKC.alpha. and its consensus DAG binding site is known (Hurley et al., Protein Science (6):477-80, 1997). Since SPH can also bind to putative sites on sphingosine kinase and other proteins with which it specifically interacts, it is quite likely that several proteins have specific SPH binding sites. Accordingly, the putative sphingolipid binding site can be cloned using

standard techniques, after the screening of phage display libraries (see above) for colonies, which express the sphingolipid recognition site. Expression cloning of the cDNA of this protein would produce a reagent that could be used in a standard ELISA to detect sphingolipid changes in a blood sample.